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### AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION.

The Elm Trees About Kentucky in Danger From the Imported Leaf Beetle.

Inquiries are frequently coming to the Experiment Station with reference to the injuries of the elm leaf beetle on shade trees about Lexington and elsewhere in the State. The insect doing the mischief is a European species, imported a good many years ago to the eastern United States, and appearing in Kentucky about 1898, when it was noted as especially destructive at Bardonia, in Nelson County. It attacks by preference the European elm, but when hungry and European elm trees are not available sometimes spreads to the American elms and may then do them a good deal of mischief.

The adult of the insect is a small obscurely striped beetle belonging to the same family of insects as the common striped cucumber beetle. It passes the winter about buildings, hiding away in the fall in crevices next foundations, sometimes coming through doors and windows and hiding in dwellings. As soon as the leaves of the elm are developed the following spring, these beetles resort to the leaves, place their eggs there and then die. The young soon appear on the leaves, which they begin to feed upon, and if abundant will render the tree unsightly if they did not actually destroy all of the leafage before they become grown. They are most frequently noticed when they have completed their growth as worms or larvae and come down the trunk to undergo their changes on the ground beneath the trees.

They are at our mercy when they come to the ground in this fashion, and large numbers of them may be destroyed with scalding hot water or with coal oil. Traps are sometimes made of sticky fly paper so as to collect quantities of them and render their destruction more easy. If these insects at the foot of the tree are allowed to complete their changes they become beetles in short time and go back to produce another brood of worms. This continues throughout the summer, several broods being developed before fall.

It will be seen from this account that the insect is capable of destroying all of the leaves of a tree, and if this is permitted during the whole of one season, trees are very greatly weakened and begin to show signs of decline. They are sometimes killed outright by the insects when nothing is done to prevent.

While a good deal can be done by the treatment suggested, namely, destroying the insect when it comes down the trunk from the leaves, the most effective treatment is spraying the leaves as soon as the beetles begin to appear in the spring, with arsenate of lead, using three pounds of arsenate of lead paste in fifty gallons or about a barrel of water. A single spraying at this time will in ordinary cases serve to keep the trees from severe injury for the rest of the summer. This preparation must be applied by means of a force pump and spray nozzle. Pumps of sufficient strength and capacity to spray large elm trees may be bought from about twenty to thirty dollars. The hose necessary must be strong and of such length (fifty feet at least) that the one using the nozzle can climb up into the trees and to reach the topmost branches. Outfits of the sort needed for such spraying can be bought of the Deming Co., Salem, O.; or of the Goulds Manufacturing Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y.; or of a number of other similar manufacturing establishments. Any one with good muscles can operate these pumps. A barrel or two of the mixture ought to spray almost any of our elm trees. A single tree is worth several times the cost of a spraying outfit. The cost of treatment after this purchase is made is but slight.

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In conclusion it may be suggested that some one in each community in the State can make for himself a useful occupation by getting a good spraying outfit and treating the shade and fruit trees of his neighbors. Owners of a few trees, and often owners of an orchard, will gladly pay for the services of some one equipped and competent to do this work for them.

H. GARMAN,  
Head of Department of Entomology and Botany, Kentucky Experiment Station.

### ALL VOLCANOES ACTIVE ALONG ALASKAN COAST.

All the volcanoes along the Alaska Peninsula west of Seward to the Aleutian Islands are in action, according to a report brought by Capt. McMullen, of the steamship Dirigo, which arrived from Dutch Harbor.

Capt. McMullen said Mount Katmai, the great volcano on the mainland across Shelikof Strait from Kodiak Island, is throwing out great volumes of sulphur-laden smoke. The sea, he said, was discolored by sulphur dust and pumice for a distance of 100 miles.

Mount Shishaldin and Mount Paylof, the most active volcanoes in the Aleutian Islands, were smoking when the Dirigo passed them.

Capt. McMullen reported that the natives living along the Alaska Peninsula said the great clouds of volcanic dust hurled into the air last month were caused by volcanic eruptions and not by old deposits of volcanic ash stirred up by a terrific windstorm, as previously reported by passing ships.

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